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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Carson and Albani
Application No.: 09/616,247
Filed: July 14, 2000
Title: VACCINE COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS USEFUL IN INDUCING
IMMUNE PROTECTION AGAINST ARTHRITOTOGENIC PEPTIDES
INVOLVED IN THE PATHOGENESIS OF RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS

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RESPONSE

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Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed August 13, 2002 (Paper No. 11), entry of the amendments and reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8

I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on January 7, 2003, in an envelope addressed to: Box AF, Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231

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